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PRIME MINISTER MACMILLAN ASKED GENERAL NORSTAD CALL AT 10 DOWNING STREET YESTERDAY JUST PRIOR DEDICATION CEREMONY AT ST. PAUL'S WHICH BOTH WERE ATTENDING. MACMILLAN OPENED CONVERSATION, WHICH LASTED ABOUT AN HOUR, WITH APOLOGETIC REF TO FIELD MARSHAL MONTGOMERY'S RECENT PUBLIC UTTERANCES AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ATTITUDE SACEUR HAD ADOPTED IN REFUSING TO BE DRAWN INTO PUBLIC RECRIMINATIONS ON SUBJECT.

BULK OF CONVERSATION DEVOTED TO CURRENT BERLIN SITUATION WITH NORSTAD EXPOUNDING HIS VIEWS GENERALLY ALONG LINE EMBTEL 1911 AND EC-9-6265 (HE MADE CLEAR THAT WHILE HE HAD PASSED THESE VIEWS TO U.S. AUTHORITIES, THEY WERE STRICTLY HIS OWN AT THIS STAGE AND HAD NO U.S. STANDING). MACMILLAN SHOWED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST, SAID HE HAD BEEN THINKING OF POSSIBLE "SUMMIT MEETING" ON GERMAN PROBLEM, AND INDICATED HE WOULD PROBABLY BE DISCUSSING MATTER WITH PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY IN NEAR FUTURE (NORSTAD TOOK POSITION THAT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL MORE APPROPRIATE FOR CONFERENCE IF ONE TO BE HELD).

IN BRIEF ALLUSION TO FRENCH SITUATION, MACMILLAN IMPRESSED

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NORSTAD WITH HIS STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT COMMON MARKET AND FTA,
SAYING THAT THIS WAS LIFE OR DEATH MATTER FOR U.K. AND THAT IF
FRENCH WANTED "COMMERCIAL WAR," HE WOULD SHOW THEM HOW TOUGH
U.K. COULD BE IN WAGING ONE.

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